



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT NO: MHA-05-169	POSITION: Mental Health Specialist
POSITION SERIES: DS-0601	POSITION GRADE: 09/11
OPENING DATE: 09/23/05	CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled
IF "OPEN UNTIL FILLED" FIRST SCREENING DATE: 10/07/05 (and every two (2) weeks thereafter)	SALARY RANGE: \$38,306 - \$49,792 Per Annum \$46,348 - \$60,251 Per Annum
WORKSITE: Various Community Locations	TOUR OF DUTY: 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Monday-Friday
PROMOTION POTENTIAL: DS-11 (if selected at the DS-09 level)	AREA OF CONSIDERATION: Unlimited
AGENCY: DMH/MHA/School Based Program	NO. OF VACANCIES: One (1)
DURATION OF APPOINTMENT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Term (13 months to 4 years) Not to Exceed _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary (Up to 1 year), Not to Exceed ____ months.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This position IS in the collective bargaining unit represented by <u>AFSCME 2095/AFGE 383</u> and you may be required to pay an agency service fee through an automatic payroll deduction. <input type="checkbox"/> This position IS NOT in a collective bargaining unit.	
"RESIDENCY PREFERENCE AMENDMENT ACT OF 1988": An applicant for a position in the Career Service or for an attorney position (DS-905 series) in the Excepted Service who is a bona fide resident of the District of Columbia AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION, may claim a hiring preference over a non-resident applicant by completing the "Residency Preference for Employment" form, DC 2000RP, and submitting it with the employment application, DC 2000. To be granted preference, an applicant must: (1) be qualified for the position; and (2) submit a claim form at the time of application. Except for employees entitled by law to preference, preference will not be granted unless the claim is made at the time of application.	
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: <u>At the DS-09 level:</u> Serves as a Mental Health Specialist in the school environment. Provides case management services to students and their families and assists in the identification and referrals of community-based services and monitors referrals when indicated. Provides direct services to students in public schools and public charter schools and their families, including assessment, treatment, prevention, consultation, training, and some case management. <u>At the DS-11 level:</u> Obtains social histories of children/youth and their families through interviews with parents/caretakers, clients and significant others and through review and summarization of existing records and reports. Conducts educational presentations on mental health issues for students, their families, and school staff; develops and implements school-wide preventive mental health programs. Participates as a member of teams within the school that serve as multi-disciplinary, early intervention, student support, and other committees; works collaboratively with other mental health professionals in the schools and other school staff.	
QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENT: As a basic requirement, all applicants must have successfully completed a four (4) year course of study in an accredited college or university leading to a Bachelors or higher degree which involved major study in an academic field related to health or allied sciences. <u>At the DS-09 level:</u> Applicants must possess one (1) year of specialized experience at least equivalent to the DS-07 level. <u>At the DS-11 level:</u> Applicants must possess one (1) year of specialized experience at the DS-09 level. Specialized experience is experience which is directly related to the position to be filled which has equipped the candidate with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position to be filled.	
SELECTIVE PLACEMENT FACTOR(S): None	

SUBMISSION OF RANKING FACTORS

The following ranking factors will be used in the evaluation process. All applicants MUST respond to the ranking factors. Please describe specific incidents from your experience that show evidence of the level at which you meet the ranking factors that have been determined to be of importance for the position for which you are applying. You may refer to any experience, education, training, awards, outside activities, etc., that indicate the degree to which you possess the job-related knowledge, skills, and abilities described in the ranking factors. The information given in response to the ranking factors should be complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge. FAILURE TO RESPOND TO ALL RANKING FACTORS MAY ELIMINATE YOU FROM CONSIDERATION.

RANKING FACTORS

1. Knowledge of a wide range of theories, principles, practices, and techniques of mental health illness and behavioral problems as it relates to children and adolescents in order to serve as a Mental Health Specialist.
2. Knowledge of treatment and service strategies applying mental health trends, techniques, methods, and issues relating to school-aged children and their families in order to provide mental health services.
3. Knowledge of psychiatric, psychological and medical terminologies used in evaluation and treatment of mental health issues in order to make behavioral evaluations.
4. Ability to communicate orally and in writing in order to provide mental health services, work collaboratively with others, participate as a member of teams, prepare reports, provide counseling, and make presentations.

NOTE: RANKING FACTORS ARE IDENTICAL AT THE DS-09/11 GRADE LEVELS.

SUBSTITUTION OF EDUCATION FOR EXPERIENCE WILL BE ALLOWED AS DEFINED BY OPM'S X-118 QUALIFICATIONS STANDARDS. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CREDIT YOU MUST SUBMIT OFFICIAL PROOF OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION. TIME-IN-GRADE REQUIREMENTS ARE APPLICABLE. APPLICANTS CLAIMING VETERANS PREFERENCE MUST SUBMIT OFFICIAL PROOF WITH THE APPLICATION.

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT, EXCEPT THAT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED OUTSIDE THE AREA OF CONSIDERATION OR AFTER THE CLOSING DATE WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT ACTION.

HOW TO APPLY: ALL APPLICANTS, INCLUDING DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES AND OTHER D.C. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, MUST SUBMIT THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION, DC 2000. SELECTION (S) FROM THIS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT PENDING CLEARANCE THROUGH PRIORITY PLACEMENT PROGRAMS. "A NON-COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF A CANDIDATE ON THE AGENCY'S REEMPLOYMENT PRIORITY LIST OR THE DISPLACED EMPLOYEE'S PRIORITY LIST WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THIS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT."

WHERE TO APPLY: DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES
64 NEW YORK AVENUE, NE, 5th Floor
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002
ATTN: Cynthia Hawkins (202) 673-7522
FACSIMILE: (202) 673-4386

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE D. C. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, AS AMENDED, D. C. CODE SECTION 1-2501 et seq. ("THE ACT") THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, PERSONAL APPEARANCE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, FAMILIAL STATUS, FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, MATRICULATION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, DISABILITY, SOURCE OF INCOME, OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination which is also prohibited by the Act. DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF THE ACT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

SALARY REDUCTION OF REEMPLOYED ANNUITANTS: An individual selected for employment in the District government on or after January 1, 1980, who is receiving an annuity under any District government civilian retirement system, shall have his or her pay reduced by the amount of annuity allocable to the period of employment.

OFFICIAL JOB OFFERS ARE MADE ONLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT OF 1988. "Pursuant to the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, the individual selected to fill this position will, as a condition of employment, be required to notify his or her immediate supervisor, in writing, no later than five days after conviction of or plea of guilty to a violation of any criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace."